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## DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

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of Franklin.

LOUISVILLE, MARCH 12, 1869.

Reading Matter on Every Page.

The Opposition Platform—No. II.

The *elite*, in their Jeremiads over the alleged misdeeds of the Democratic party, which they have just put forth as a substitute for an avowal of their own principles, have made it a prominent charge that "it is a destructive and disorganizing party."

"Gentlemen," said a well-thought leader, when he had crawled out of a fight upon his hands and knees, with his hat, and coat, and vest, and shirt, and ribbons, "that fellow is the most destructive individual I ever had anything to do with; just look at me if you want evidence of the fact."

So the *elite* might well say to the world, if you want any evidence of the destructive propensities of the Democracy, just look at us and our political condition.

You think we are destructive, do you, gentlemen? Well, the order of St. Nicholas is one right for once in your lives. The Democratic party is destructive, and it is destructive to the Federal Union, and it is destructive to the peace and order of the world. It is destructive to the peace and order of the world, and it is destructive to the peace and order of the world.

But let us look at the charges. We publish before the second plank in the platform at length, and are there any charges which the benefit of their own language and thought?

It has destroyed the conservative elements of nearly all our State constitutions, and gave evidence through the utterance of some of its confidential leaders of an intention to attack the Federal Constitution in the same way, but for the disastrous check which this party recently received.

Through its party chief and other leaders it proclaims its execrable designs that it will destroy the people's government, and it will destroy the people's government, and it will destroy the people's government.

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That most of the *elite* who constituted the gathering of the 23d here are in favor of just such a retrograde movement, no one who knows the men and their antecedents can doubt; but why have they not the manly boldness to avow their purposes, and wishes, and principles?

They talk of "coming down to the level of the people." When they have made the descent, will they tell the same people, "You are but the hewers of wood and drawers of water for us, the *elite*."

It is true you have votes, and, therefore, we have condescended to consider you as levelers; but, but it is our duty to tell you that you are utterly unworthy to be considered as levelers.

You must elect one of your Governor, and permit him to appoint your judiciary, and, furthermore, in order that these same judges may be beyond the reach of your caviling complaints, they must hold their offices for life. These "conservative" elements were once blessed with Kentucky, but this rampant Democracy has destroyed them.

Come, good people, acknowledge that you are fools, and unfit to vote for such important offices. Give up the privilege which these Democratic demagogues have conferred upon you, and put the matter in the hands of us, the *elite*, again."

Such would be their address if they spoke their true sentiments. Such is the meaning of this charge against the Democratic party of having destroyed the "conservative elements" of the State constitution.

But there were other States where "elements" still more "conservative" than these formed a part of the organic law; where a property qualification was required to enable a man to vote at all; where the poor man who owned no land was contemptuously thrust away from the ballot-box, and told that his political rights were those of a slave—the right to breathe and eat.

There, too, this rampant Democracy have destroyed, and the destruction of these is one of the grave charges now brought against that party. Yet, fellow-citizens of Kentucky, it is one of the seven deadly political sins, in the decalogue of St. Nicholas, to have destroyed in other States the edifying provision of their constitution which closed the ballot-box against the vote of the poor man.

But again, with holy horror, distasteful their upturned eyes, they exclaim that President Buchanan says "The will of the majority is its supreme and irresistible—it can make unconstitutional laws."

To this sentiment, or rather declaration of fact, we say amen, with all our hearts. It is a principle somewhat ancient in the history of our Government, and it is history to be believed, our revolutionary fathers were not the first to put it to a practical test. The will of the majority of the people of England was found to be irresistible in the days of our Charles the First, and one Oliver Cromwell, and one George the Third, when it drove the imbecile James from the throne, and replaced him with a new dynasty. The will of a majority of the people of France was found to be irresistible when it destroyed the "conservative elements" which for ages had governed the masses under the heels of the *elite* of that nation. Yes, gentlemen, the will of the majority has been irresistible since the first free governments were established, and it is this that troubles you. If it was the will of the minority that ruled, what a nice time you would have, wouldn't you? No occasion then to soil your patient leather boots and fancy kid gloves upon the rounds of a ladder reaching down to "the level of the people."

No need then to disguise your true sentiments in treacherous and evasive periods. Let the minority fear us, and you are sure always to be in power. But till that blissful period arrives, we here that you will have to continue in the future as you have done in the past, to look on and growl, and bark at what you cannot prevent or control—the rule of the majority.

The reasoning of the *elite* upon this subject is reaching its climax. They say that a condition is an agreement—a compact between the minority and majority—and that therefore it cannot be changed without the consent of both parties.

No matter what odious provision may have been fifty or an hundred years ago incorporated in a State constitution, it cannot be changed as long as a minority, however small, are opposed to the change.

If the State constitution of Kentucky contained a provision that forbade any man to vote who was not the owner of a hundred acres of land and a dozen negroes, it must forever remain unchanged until all of the favored few who were voters under it would relinquish the unjust and tyrannical privilege.

It is the will of the *elite* of what hidden in the bush of chaff, and a nice crop it would produce if the people could only be permitted to plant and cherish it.

This second count then in the judgment means just this: The Democracy have abolished life offices, and have made the judiciary elective by the people. They have swept away property qualifications for the office of Governor, and the poor man now true political equality, and they have impudently proclaimed that the "will of the majority is irresistible."

To all these charges we plead guilty, and we will do it again as often as occasion requires.

Hon. J. M. J. Jewett, of the Fourth Congressional District, in a letter addressed to the Louisville Democrat, announces himself a candidate for re-election to Congress, and claims to be a nominating convention, and avers his opposition to that mode of re-electing the rival aspirants of the Congressional office.

In this position Mr. Jewett stands in antagonism to the organization of the Democratic party. We regret his determination, and we are not alone in regretting it. It is a course which will create feud and bad feeling in the State, which will not fail to mar the harmony and good feeling of the Democratic party.

We think our contemporary errs in stating Mr. Jewett's position. If we understood his letters and circulars, he is in favor of a convention, provided it nominates him, and is not composed of any of the Old-Line Whigs who elevated him to the honorable position he has occupied during two Congressional terms.

As an illustration of the fact that Democracy is not a party, but a principle, we have no distinction in characteristics, the Nashville Democrat pointed out, by showing that the Treasury note involves the principle of National Bank money, and in its regard, that Buchanan's recommendation of specific duties is a cardinal concession to the opposition of the National Bank money, and in its regard, that Buchanan's recommendation of specific duties is a cardinal concession to the opposition of the National Bank money.

It is an acknowledgment of the old Whig doctrine of internal improvements—*Louisville Journal*.

If the *elite* are so addressing Whig measures, as the Journal asserts, will it be so good to inform us with propriety it calls upon Old-Line Whigs to oppose a party that is carrying out their principles?

All the most prominent Republicans are original Democrats—*Louisville Journal*.

And half the assaults that are being made trace their existence to the time when they were passed as gentlemen. But the editor of the Journal, least fortunate, can revert to no period in his life when he was any better than he is now. Deploable—*Jacksonian*.

**DIED.**  
At the residence of his son, L. O. Owen, in Lockport, on the 10th inst., John Owen, Sr., aged 72 years.

At the residence of his son, Robt. Skene, on the night of the 10th inst., Mrs. Mary Skene, in the 70th year of her age.

His funeral will take place from the Christian Church, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, on Saturday, 12th inst., at 8 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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